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COUNTERFEITER SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Aaron Rawls, 25, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced to 30 months in prison yesterday by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to producing and passing counterfeit United States currency, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and Attica (Indiana) Police Department.

Rawls was arrested in Attica, Indiana, on July 4, 2009, after he and two female companions passed several counterfeit \$100 dollar bills at local businesses. Rawls admitted to having produced approximately nine counterfeit \$100 dollar bills in Illinois, and then coming to Indiana and making purchases with several of them.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed three years supervised release following Rawls's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Rawls will be monitored and required to maintain employment.

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